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15 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive

SUBJECT: NIS Publications

1. We recognize the importance of the NIS basic intelligence publication, but our discussions over a period of months have been about the real current need for such a large number of the NIS now being produced, distributed and stored, and the expenses in producing them at this time.

2. We understand that the JANIS publications totalled 3,000 copies each. Warehouses are now filled with unused copies. When the NIS replaced JANIS, 1,200 copies were published including the 150 copies which [REDACTED]. This number is now down to 800 and it is hoped that 750 copies will be adequate in July in place of the present 800, and it may be possible to bring it down to 600. The Navy, for example, recently cut its "requirements" from 300 to 150. The present largest "requirements" are:

[REDACTED]	- 150 copies
Army	- 100 "
Navy	- 150 "
Air	- 146 "
State	- 13 "

From this number they can maintain two or three complete sets and many dozens of separate sections so that this publication can probably be used in each agency by many hundreds of people. We think that nowhere near that many people need copies for current use.

3. One master set with necessary negatives for maps and cuts will be kept by CIA for use in rapid reproduction to meet future emergency needs, when a large number of copies will undoubtedly be useful. The Chief, Reproduction Branch of CIA's Services Division, Administrative Staff has assured us that the present reproduction system is best, rather than changing to a dupli-mat system in storing the stencils for future use.

4. CIA will also keep some published extra copies for current and future unforeseen needs (not of an emergency nature). Instead of the present 40 bound copies and 40 unbound copies in this extra stock, we think

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that a very few number of bound copies and a very few dozen extra copies unbound (to the nearest 50 in the printed run) will be enough until the emergency comes.

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5. If 150 of the printed run of 800 is adequate [REDACTED] we still think that a much smaller number than the present would be adequate for the United States.

6. Accordingly COAPS recommends that:

a. The NIS Division of the Office of Reports and Estimates in the CIA and the NIS interdepartmental Committee devote themselves to the substantive production of the National Intelligence Surveys and give up factors pertaining to the distribution of their end product.

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b. OCD survey the components of CIA again and also the outside agencies (members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee and eventually maybe other Government departments) to determine how few (not how many) copies of the NIS are now really needed in printed form for current needs (both bound and unbound). Maybe the 150 now distributed [REDACTED] can also be cut down. It should be taken into consideration that an unbound set can be divided for use by many different components who work for complementary or different parts of the world and do not overlap. It should be noted that such basic intelligence publications undoubtedly are not consulted daily by the users; so a small section can easily borrow this publication when necessary from a nearby larger section in the same agency. Every office does NOT need its own copy of this voluminous and expensive publication or even the section pertaining to its own country when such a section is readily enough available for its use when needed. This determination should also be based on (1) the small reserve stock maintained in CIA and (2) the fact that CIA will print additional copies to satisfy utilization needs. (Paragraphs 3 and 4 above)

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Coordination, Operations
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cc: Management
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TAB "B"

To: Assistant Director, ORE 23 May 1950

From: Chief, NIS Division, ORE

Subject: NIS Publications

Reference: Memorandum, Chief, COAPS, dated 15 May 1950,
to Acting Executive, CIA, subject as above.

1. It appears that the purport of the above-cited reference is tacit admission by COAPS of the correctness of the ORE position as set forth in the memorandum of AD/ORE, 27 March 1950, to Chief, COAPS, Subject: "NIS Program - Curtailment of Scheduled Reproduction of Copies for Dissemination and Storage".

2. The meaning of Paragraph 6a is unclear. From the beginning, the Chiefs of the IAC Agencies have looked to their representatives on the NIS Committee to act as their spokesmen on matters pertaining to NIS dissemination requirements as well as all other NIS matters. The CIA representative on the NIS Committee, being concurrently Chief, D/NIS, is charged with the control of publication of the NIS and hence, must be constantly and currently familiar with over-all dissemination requirements. In short, policy control of dissemination of the NIS has always been considered, and logically so, a major function of the NIS Committee. The mechanics of dissemination, including the conduct of survey requirements, has always been the function of the dissemination components in the IAC Agencies and OCD in CIA.

3. To date, no survey of the NIS requirements of non-intelligence Government agencies has been made. Thus far, only the Department of Commerce has taken the initiative in requesting certain NIS elements and is receiving these elements. It is believed, however, that there may be other such agencies which have legitimate requirements for the NIS but are unaware of their existence. Hence, it is intended in the near future to have OCD conduct a requirements survey of the more important of these agencies. (NOTE: This matter was discussed by the NIS Committee on 9 May 1950.) The additional requirements determined by this survey will operate to reduce the reserve stock of unbound copies of NIS now on hand.

4. COAPS has already twice taken up the matter of reduction of NIS requirements directly with the IAC Agencies: once through agency members of COAPS and once by memorandum of the DCI dated 9 February 1950 to the

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Chiefs of Intelligence of the Agencies. It is felt that a reopening of the issue with the IAC Agencies would be inappropriate, since these Agencies have already made reply to the DCI that they are keeping the matter under continuing review.

5. There is no objection to resurvey by OCD of the requirements of other recipients of NIS, including the CIA. This survey will be requested by D/NIS at the same time as the survey of non-intelligence Agencies indicated in Paragraph 3 above.

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24 May 1950

To: Chief, COAPS

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